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LATEST EDITION CLOSED ITS DOORS.

The Provident Savings Bank Sus- pends Payment.

Almon B. Thomson, the Cashier,
an Embezzler.

Sensational Petition for the Appoint- ment of a Receiver.

Nearly One Million Dollars on Deposit
in the Bank.

The Depositors Nearly All Poor People or
of Limited Means—The Defalcation Dis-
covered Last Saturday—Thomson's
Whereabouts Unknown—What the Di-
rectors Say—The Receiver Ascertains the
Depositors Will Get Dollar for Dollar.

Great excitement was occasioned on the streets this morning and in business circles by rumors of the shakiness in connection with the Provident Savings Bank. The feverishness developed into consternation and the rumors became official charges when, at the hour of noon, the doors were closed and looked and the placard posted on the window to the effect that the bank had suspended payment. At the same time Mr. Carlos B. Greeley and some directors appeared in the Circuit Court and filed a petition for a Receiver, alleging that the cashier of the bank, MR. ALMON B. THOMPSON, had embezzled sums amounting to over \$400,000 which had already been positively discovered. The petitioners aver that the deposits with the institution amount to \$1,000,000 and that the assets are in excess of this liability by \$180,000. The probability, however, is that these assets will not realize the amounts at which they are estimated, and that their shrinkage will prevent the bank's paying dollar for dollar. Mr. Thomson, the cashier, is a well-known man in business and social circles, having been a prominent figure in many public and private affairs. He is a Mason in high standing, being at the present time Commander of Ivanhoe Commandery of the Knights Templar. He is also President of the St. Louis Light Artillery and has been connected with several other organizations. He was one of the charter members of the old St. Louis Sketch Club and has always been an encouraging patron of art. He was also Treasurer of the St. Louis Club until the first of last January.

MR. THOMPSON'S WHEREABOUTS are not known. It was given out at the beginning of the week that he had gone to the State encampment of the militia being held at Sweet Springs, but advice from that place is to the effect that he has not been there. At his home, 3002 Chestnut street, his family claim to be in ignorance of his movements. His wife says that he left ostensibly with the militia on Sunday morning, since which time he has not communicated with her. The gentleman's regimental uniform hangs silent but eloquent in the closets of the bank. Mr. Thomson's father and brother are both living in the city. The latter is employed as an accountant at the Bank of Commerce. The cashier's bond is regarded as amply sufficient to cover the losses by his defalcation.

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I was almost perfectly bald, caused by Tetter of the top of the scalp. I used your CUTICURA REMEDIES about six weeks, and they cured my scalp perfectly, and now my hair is coming back as thick as it ever was.

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for nine directors, but there are only seven. Mr. Greeley states that the other stockholders are widely scattered and own small numbers of shares. In February last the President, James S. Garland, was taken ill and was compelled to abandon all active interest in the affairs of the bank. For six months past he has been absent from the city, and has consequently given no attention to the business of the bank.

THE ACTIVE DAILY MANAGEMENT has therefore devolved upon Almon B. Thomson, and he has largely assumed the duties of the president in addition to his duties as cashier. Mr. Greeley alleges in his petition that Mr. Thomson has been relied upon by all the stockholders as a faithful, honest and efficient officer, and was always regarded as an efficient representative of all interests in the bank. On the morning of the 12th inst. he did not appear at the bank, although he was always regular and prompt in his attendance in the past. He did not appear at the bank since, and Mr. Greeley alleges that it is his belief that Mr. Thomson does not intend to appear there any more, and moreover his present whereabouts are unknown to the directors of the bank. Mr. Greeley further alleges that only a partial investigation of experts has disclosed the fact that said CASHIER ALMON B. THOMPSON has embezzled and fraudulently appropriated to his own use a large sum of money belonging to the bank in excess of \$400,000. By reason of the confidence reposed in the cashier and his general direction of the bank's business it is possible that upon an examination of the books of the bank in detail a larger deficiency may be shown than the sum already discovered. It is, therefore, necessary, in the interest of all the creditors, as well as the stockholders, to suspend the daily operations of the bank and close its doors in order that a committee of experts may make a thorough examination of the books and ascertain the actual condition of the assets and liabilities, as well as the amount of the embezzlement. Mr. Greeley states further that Mr. Carlos B. Greeley, one of the directors, is absent from the city and does not intend to return for some time. His aid, therefore, cannot be obtained in getting at the books and knowledge of the business of the bank. Messrs. Swain, Mullen, Scott and Smith are the only directors who can be reached at this time, and as they do not constitute a majority of the board they cannot take any action.

THE STATEMENT of assets and liabilities yesterday was shown to be as follows:

ASSETS.	LIABILITIES.
Cash.....\$ 75,988.74	Current deposits.....\$ 488,236.29
Real Estate.....92,500.79	Time deposits.....426,949.17
Stocks and bonds.....20,000.00	Cashier's check.....15,349.34
Balances with banks.....28,503.31	Unpaid dividends.....3,302.00
Security accounts.....25,000.00	Other indebtedness.....50,000.00
Bills receivable and accounts.....920,048.80	
Total.....\$1,068,892.29	

Mr. Greeley states, however, in his petition, that to the best of his knowledge and belief the real estate, stocks, bonds and securities of the bank in many public and private affairs. He is a Mason in high standing, being at the present time Commander of Ivanhoe Commandery of the Knights Templar. He is also President of the St. Louis Light Artillery and has been connected with several other organizations. He was one of the charter members of the old St. Louis Sketch Club and has always been an encouraging patron of art. He was also Treasurer of the St. Louis Club until the first of last January.

JUDGE LEBKE,

after carefully perusing the petition, said that the case presented was one which made a strong showing for the appointment of a receiver and he would appoint President Wm. H. Thompson of the Bank of Commerce, requiring him to give bond in the sum of \$100,000. The receiver was directed to close the bank doors at once.

THE BANK.

Crowds of Poor Depositors Waiting Around

About the bank building, at 613 Olive street, there was the usual variety of scenes that attend such a catastrophe. The savings being in such small sums the street in front of the bank and the alley on its east side were crowded with people within an hour after the first closing. As those who first came grew tired and moved away their places were filled by others, who walked up and down and around looking at the building from all points of view, just as one wanders around the brink of Niagara after something of great value has been swept away in the torrent below. There were women crying and trying to get as near the doors as possible and the two policemen stationed at the front door could not keep the sidewalk clear. Gradually the crowd, which confined itself to a line reaching up to the doors, swelled until it overflowed the curb, reached out to the car tracks, and there breaking to let the cars through, clustered around the sidewalks on the opposite side, the lamp-posts supporting eager groups of idlers or losers, and the stairways leading up from the street being thronged. Young men fraternized with old, and young ladies shook hands with or kissed tearfully any old woman who seemed to be in the same distress with them. Bookshelves were there and newshaws stood around bewailing the ill luck that caused them to place their money within the big vaults inside. "Come, Billy," said one newshaw to another, as he tried to sympathize with his dirty colleague, "brace up. Let's smoke a cigarette."

THE RECEIVER.

He Says the Depositors Will Get Their Money—Why the Doors Were Closed.

Mr. Wm. H. Thompson, the receiver, was seen by a Post-Dispatch reporter about the embezzling cashier.

"I know nothing about Mr. Thomson personally, having met him but a few times. I understand he was a comely man in act and connected with the purchase of many of the biggest pictures in the city."

"Do you know anything about the deposits of the Provident?"

"There must be a great many; their number, even approximately, I cannot state. You see the Provident was the only bank of its kind in the city. That is, it was a bank that received the smallest deposits and paid interest on them. It was different from the Bankers' which is a discount bank as well. Everybody turned in his savings there, however small. I myself had a deposit there for each of my children."

"When was Mr. Thomson last seen?"

"The watchman states that Mr. Thomson came down to the bank Saturday morning, and it is generally understood he left the city Monday morning. The last public appearance was the latter part of last week, when Dr. Snyder, recently elected chaplain of the company in place of Rev. George C. Betts, was presented with a fine testimonial. Mr. Thomson was present on that occasion and made the address of presentation. It must have been funny," said Mr. Thompson, with a smile, "to see Thomson playing such a big part in such an important ceremony, and then skipping out a few days later."

W. H. Thompson, the receiver, was seen again and more closely interrogated in regard to the status of the bank's finances and when the depositors

might expect any dividends, and his statements are very encouraging. He said: "The bank was carefully managed, and few if any bad loans exist. There is a small amount of money on hand, how much I cannot exactly state, and the assets will be realized on as rapidly as possible and the depositors paid off."

"How much will the depositors receive, Mr. Thompson?"

"They will undoubtedly be paid in full."

"How soon?"

"That I cannot say; I find considerable real estate in the bank's assets, and some of the loan assets may take time to recover, but I think all, or very nearly so, of the loans are good. It will take several weeks to get the affairs of the bank in shape to make any dividends."

"Will the stockholders receive anything?"

"I think they will, but cannot give any estimate of how much, or when they may expect it."

"What is the loss, if any, by Cashier Thomson?"

"From the most careful investigation so far made, I do not think it will reach \$50,000, and may not reach \$40,000."

At this point the interview was interrupted by Mr. Huntington Smith, who said: "You are talking about the Provident bank, are you? That is what I am here to ask about Mr. Thompson; has he any money?"

"Yes, he has skipped," said Mr. Thompson.

"Did he take any money with him?" inquired Smith.

"Yes; men usually do when they run away from a bank," replied Thompson, with some asperity.

Another gentleman, whose name could not be obtained, had also pushed his way into Mr. Thompson's office in the bank of Commerce at this point and said: "This ruins me; all I had in the world, over \$6,000, was in that bank." Mr. Thompson again reiterated his statement in regard to the bank paying depositors in full, and the excited gentleman left in an earlier frame of mind.

Mr. Thompson to get back to where he were before these gentlemen came in, if the shortage is only about \$50,000 and the bank's condition was as good as when the last statement was made, why in the world did you close it up?"

"For the simple reason that the President had been sick for six months and the business had been entirely under the management of Mr. Thomson, and when the directors discovered that he was short in his accounts and had left the city, they did not know what else to do. They knew that the papers would get onto it at once, and a run on the bank be inaugurated at once."

AT MR. THOMPSON'S RESIDENCE.

The Family Decline to Make Any Statement

Whatever.

A call was made at the residence of Mr. Thomson, No. 3002 Chestnut street. The gentleman was not at home but Mrs. Thomson was seen.

"Can you tell me where Mr. Thomson can be found?" she was asked.

"I cannot. I really don't know," this with a smile.

"Is he in the city?"

"No, sir."

"When did he leave?"

"Sunday morning."

"Did you not know his destination?"

"Excuse me, but why do you ask? Where are you from?"

"I represent the Post-Dispatch."

"Then I must decline to talk. You can learn anything you wish to know by telegraphing Mr. Thomson at Sweet Springs, where the militia are."

"Is he there?"

"I suppose so, but I have not heard from him since he left."

"Well, we have been advised from Sweet Springs that Mr. Thompson is not there and has not been there."

"Then I must decline to be interviewed," said the lady.

"The bank has closed and a petition for a receiver has been filed at the Court-house today."

"You are mistaken, sir. I have just been telephoning the bank and it is all right and open. I must refuse to talk any further."

"But Mr. Thomson, if there is anything to be said in your husband's favor, justice to him."

"Excuse me; justice to my husband doesn't require anything to be said. He is all right. Good afternoon," and she turned and walked out of the parlor and up the stairway.

This afternoon a second visit was made at Mr. Thomson's residence, but none of the members of the family would be seen or make any statement whatever concerning the matter.

THOMPSON'S WHEREABOUTS.

Only Rumors as to His Present Location—Said to Be in Canada.

The whereabouts of the defuncting cashier appears to be a profound mystery which none of his friends can clear. He announced his intention of going to Sweet Springs with the cavalry company, and his friends thought he was there, but hints were let out early in the week that there was a mistake, but the matter was given no thought. He is not at Sweet Springs, and has not been there, but has occasionally been absent from the city and has not been at the bank since last week.

Mr. Thomson's habits of life have not been of the straightest, and it is reported among those who know him that there is a woman at the bottom of his difficulties, one rumor having it that he left for Canada and had a companion on the trip. A gentleman who knows Thomson declares positively that he saw him in the city as late as last evening, but did not speak to him. The belief that he has gone to Canada prevails with many of his friends, who assert it positively as a fact.

THE ASCENDING CASHIER.

Mr. Thomson's Life—His Artistic Connections—Various Follies He Held.

Mr. Wm. H. Thompson, the cashier, is a man of about 40 years of age, of medium height, and a light complexion. He wore a mustache and full beard and his light blue eyes were set in the wrinkles of an ever-present and conciliatory smile. He was a gentleman of pleasing and polite address, and a graduate of Howard College. His disposition was one of light affability and rather inclined him to be gay. Socially he had many connections. He commanded the only mounted commandery of Knights Templar, the Ivanhoe Commandery. He was also an active member of the St. Louis Light Cavalry, and for two years held the position of President of that body.

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